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CITIZENS of Paris are talking of erecting a statue to Russia. If they do so they will have something to pull down later when the present love shall have grown cold.

THERE is a picture going the rounds of the press of Queen Victoria smiling. She is probably thinking of what a humorous farce monarchy in England is, anyway.

FIELD MARSHAL McMAHON lived to be 85, and spent fifty-three years in the service of his country. Such a record under most trying disappoint-ments is little less than marvelous.

ANOTHER American family has been informed that a \$5,000,000 estate awaits it in Holland. If the family will steadtastly refrain from believing a word of it the information may do no particular harm.

THE anxiety of Messra Corbett and Mitchell to wipe up acres of ground with each other has increased about 500 per cent since the announcement that the proposed light will not be allowed to take

It has hitherto been the ambition of nearly all men to become rich or famous. But now murderous cranks are becoming so numerous that one can almost be contented to remain in poverty and obscurity and so avoid being shet.

Just before the hanging of "Doe" Taylor of Virginia, the gentleman presched a sermon one hour and ifteen minutes in length. His wife was present and doubtless the ser-mon did much to reconcile her to impending widowhood.

BISMARCE IS said to have certain "give-away" letters of the kaiser which the latter is very anxious to get before the chancellor dies. Hence his efforts to "make up." The fa-tality of written correspondence vis-its both great and small.

CHICAGO and New York are said to have "locked arms." But it rather looks as if New York was being escorted by her successful rival. It's rather hard on Gotham, but it seems as if Chicago had "got there" al-ready on the nations municipal list.

PRESIDENT BARRIOS of Guatemals has undertaken to dictate to the press of the United States. Perhaps if Mr. Harries would concentrate his intellectual parts into the effort he might dictate fairly well to a type-writer, but he has undertaken too great a contract.

It has been predicted that no world's fair as large as the one just closed will again be possible for a hundred years. This is perhaps true. as far as foreign countries are con-cerned, but in this country the last world's fair that is hold will always be the biggest one.

GEORGE R. DAVIS is making a frantic effort to elect | Swift mayor of Chicago, in the belief that it would help him to reach the United States ond, or a mile every 3.6 seconds, senate. While Swift stands about as Therefore it has been calculated that if Davis does to be senator, there is very little probability of either havvery little probability of either having his ambition gratified.

1 The principal argument advanced the Chicago Inter-Ocean in favor the election of George B. Swift as mayor, is that he lives in the same rter Harrison. The Inter-Ocean, over, does not stop to consider that a majority of 20,000 of the voters of Chicago declared for a democratic ration last spring. If Swift been the republican candidate at that time instead of Allerton, the would have declared just as ically for Carter Harrison, democratic municipal govern-Therefore, it is unlikely that unline of candidates will be at

COURTSHIP IN GREENLAND

How on Arctic Beauty Is Mildly Builled Into Matriment.

Since the Danish missionaries have gained the confidence of the natives of Greenland, marriages in the far north are celebrated by the representatives of the church. In a recent issue of one of the Danish papers one of the mis-sions ies gives the following account of the way courtship and marriage are brought about:

The man calls on the missionary and mys, "I wish to take unto myself a

"Whom?" asks the missionary. The man gives her name.

"Have you spoken with her?" As a rule the answer is in the negave, and the missionary asks the reason. "Because," comes the reply. "it is

so difficult. You must speak to her." The missionary then calls the young voman to him and says, "I think it is ime that you marry.

"But," she replies, "I do not wish o marry

"That is a pity," adds the mission ary, "as I have a husband for you." "Who is he?" asks the maiden. The missionary names the candidate

"But he is not worth anything. I will not have him."

"However," suggests the missionary, 'he is a good fellow and attends well to his house. He throws a good harpoon, and he loves you."

The Greenland beauty listens attentively, but again declares that she will not accept the man as her husband. "Very well," goes on the missionary;
'I do not wish to force you. I shall

fellow. The missionary then remains silent as though he looked upon the incident as closed. But in a few minutes she whispers, "But if you wish it"---

asily find another wife for so good a

"No," answered the pastor, "only if on wish it. I do not wish to overper-

Another sigh follows, and the pastor apresses regret that she cannot accept the man.

"Pastor," she then breaks out, "I fear he is not worthy. "But did he not kill two whales last nmer while the others killed one?

Will you not take him now?" "Yes, yes; I will." "God bless you both," answers the pastor and joins the two in marriage.

Delacroix, the painter, was walking out one day in Paris with a friend of his, when he fell into a brown study. "What is up with you now?" said the

"I can't get a certain shade of yellow," replied the artist.
"What sort of yellow?"

Just then a cab drove past.

"The very thing!" the painter gasped ut. "Stop! stop!"
"I am engaged," the cabby replied,

without stopping. Delacroix started in pursuit and at a steep place in the Rue des Martyrs over-took the cab. Opening the door, he said, in tones of entrenty, to the pas-

senger inside:
"Do please tell your driver to stop; I want your complexion for a painting on which I am at work. There is a color merchant close at hand. I shall not detain you above five minutes, and in acknowledgment of the service you der me I will present you with a sketch of my picture.

The bargain was struck; Delacroix got his yellow, and a few months later the "fare" received a sketch of his 'Assassination of the Archbishop of Liege."—Harper's Young People.

Velocity of the Earth's Rotation. Everybody knows that the earth makes one complete revolution on its axis once every 24 hours. But few, however, have any idea of the high rate of speed necessary to accomplish that feat. The highest velocity ever attained by a cannon ball has been estimated at 1,626 feet per second, which is equal to a mile in 3.2 seconds. The earth, in making one revolution in 24 hours. must turn with a velocity nearly equal to that of a cannon ball. In short, the rate of speed at the equator has been estimated at nearly 1,500 feet per secup the speed with which it left the mouth of the gun, it would beat the ean in his apparent journey around the earth.—St. Louis Republic.

Crushing the Clork.

The hotel clerk who is flip may be a prime package to his employer, because some people love the easy familiarity which blooms without cultivation, and then again some don'i. One of those who doesn't recent' walked up to the who doesn't recent' walked up to the desk of a hostelry. "Can you give me a room in this house?" he asked, with the air of a

house?" he asked, with the air of a man who wanted the best.

The clerk spried up at once.
"I couldn't very well give you one out of it," he replied, whirling the register around.

"Well, I guess comebody else ons," retorted the visitor, and he picked up his hag and walked out.—Detroit Free from.

CHALLENGED JUDGE AND JURY.

"I don't believe in trying a case in a dull, routine manner, so that it becomes a question whether the attorneys
or the jurous will go to sleep first,"
said S. S. Boyer of Sunbury, author of
"Boyer's Criminal Digest," to a reporter. Mr. Boyer was defending
George Kuhn in the United States courts against the charge of imperson-ating a United States officer. The case proved to be one of the facet amusing that has ever been called. It was full of funny incidents from the beginning to the end.

Attorney Boyer is a Pennsylvania Dutchman and has enough of that accent to make his conversation very attractive. The first day of the trial a witness was called who, owing to some bronic affection of the throat, was not able to speak in an ordinary tone, but had either to speak in a whisper or shout his words. Attorney Boyer didn't know this, so when the witness began to shout his answers Boyer thought he was doing it to be disrespectful. He became angry and shouted his questions in a not very polite manner.

In his speech to the jury Boyer said some very bitter things about the witness, among which was, "You saw how much of a rowdy he was by his actions on the stand." He was quite taken aback when United States District Attorney Hall arose and explained the witness' affliction. In addressing the jury Attorney Boyer apologized for not being able to present his case in an eloquent nanner for his soldier client, "for," he said, "as my client left part of his body on the battlefield, so I left part of my voice at the breakfast table." He

had met with an accident to his teeth. Attorney Boyer then went on to say: "In the great book of books it says that it is better to leave 99 guilty persons go unpunished than to punish one innocent man." Attorney Hall in closing answered this in a neat manner by saying: "When the attorney for the defense quoted about 99 guilty persons from the 'book of books,' I at once presumed be meant the Bible. I can now see my mistake, as that sentiment is not expressed there, for by his book of books' he must have meant 'Boyer's Criminal Digest." This created a great laugh in the court.

As Attorney Boyer closed his speech he did a most uncommon thing. He turned to the jury and said: "If there is any point you don't understand about this case you'd like me to explain, just ask me the question. I'll have to make the same restriction to you as I did to the supreme court, however. I told the judges they were at liberty to ask me juestions concerning the case I had before them and not to be afraid to do so, as they could not embarrass me, but to ask only one question at a time, as that was all I could answer." This odd practice created quite a little sensation in the court. Attorney Boyer, after abusing a witness in a terrible manner. turned and said, "If that witness wants to see me outside after the case is over, I'll speak to him." The case gave constant amusement by the oddities that crept in, and Attorney Boyer's natural manner of addressing the jury seemed to take, for his client was acquitted .-Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Nebraska Editor Draws the Line. Volume I. No. 6 of The Moslem World is upon our table hammering for an exchange. It is published in New York by Colonel Mohammed Alexander Rus sell Webb, and has an advertising patronage that insures its financial sucress. Its purpose is "to spread the light of Islam in America." Islam is what we want, but in spreading it don't put it on too thick. We cannot get to believing in Mohammed all of a sudden. It takes time to subdue and overcome the prejudices that were inculcated in earlier years. It isn't so hard to believe in the divine mission of the prophet or to observe the seasons of prayer or give alms when you have them about you, or to keep the fast of Ramadan, but when it comes to the pilgrimage to Mecca that do settle it. If it takes a trip to the orient as a condition for securing eternal life and the possession of a harem in Hallelujahland withdraw from us the 'light of Islam' and we'll take the doctrines of the Christian Bible in 'ourn."-Nebraska State Journal.

Liquefled Gases.

All the liquefied gases except oxygen and hydrogen have been frozen by self evaporation in a vacuum. By evapo rating liquid air in a vessel surrounded by liquid oxygen, Professor Dewar suc-ceeded in reducing the air to a clear, transparent solid. It has not been determined whether the oxygen of the mixture is really frozen or merely entangled among the particles of solid nitrogen in some such way as rose water in cold cream, or water in the solid gelatin of calves' foot jelly. Although pure oxygen has never been frozen, it is possible that when mixed with nitrogen its freezing point is raised so that the two solidify together. - Sci-

The oak is a historic wood. As early as the eleventh century it became the favorite wood of civilized Europe, and specimens of carving and interior finish have come down to us from that early day, their pristine leauty enhanced by the subduing finger of time. The early colonists brought with them to the shores of America their love for this rood, and here, too, the oak acquired historical interests.

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